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BULLETIN

MOSCOW, MAY 29 (UPI)--CHIEF MARSHAL OF ARTILLERY SERGEI S. VARENTSOV HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM HIS TOP POST IN THE SOVIET ARMED FORCES AND REDUCED IN RANK FOR ASSOCIATION WITH EXECUTED SOVIET SPY OLEG PENKOVSKY, INFORMED SOURCES DISCLOSED TODAY.

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PENKOVSKY WAS CONDEMNED TO DEATH AND EXECUTED AND A BRITISH BUSINESSMAN, GREVILLE WYNNE, WAS GIVEN AN EIGHT-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE EARLIER THIS MONTH FOR THEIR ACTIVITIES IN AN ANGLO-AMERICAN SPY RING SAID TO HAVE BEEN OPERATING HERE.

VARENTSOV WAS NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE ALLEGED ANGLO-AMERICAN RING, BUT WAS A PERSONAL FRIEND AND PROTECTOR OF PENKOVSKY, WHO EXPLOITED THE FRIENDSHIP TO SECURE MILITARY DATA FOR ESPIONAGE PURPOSES, THE SOURCES SAID.

IN ADDITION TO VARENTSOV IT WAS LEARNED THAT TWO ARMY COLONELS ALSO HAVE BEEN DEMOTED FOR "LACK OF VIGILANCE" IN THE PENKOVSKY CASE.

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